

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) Use of compounds of general formula I: $\text{COOH-CHR-(CH}_2\text{)}_m\text{-CH=CH-(CH}_2\text{)}_n\text{-CH}_3$, where R is OH and m and n have, independently, a value between 0 and 15, in the manufacture of food additives and/or ingredients, dietary products, acceptable food forms, functional food additives and foods in general, the ingestion of which is useful for the prevention and control of hypertension and/or obesity.
2. (Previously Presented) Use according to claim 1, characterized in that the compounds of general formula I preferably have between 12 and 28 carbon atoms.
3. (Currently Amended) Use according to claims 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that the compound of general formula I is preferably 2-hydroxyoleic acid.
4. (Previously Presented) Use according to claim 3, in which the ingestion of 2-hydroxyoleic acid, as food additive and/or ingredient dietary product, acceptable food form, functional food additive or food in general, is useful in the prevention and control of hypertension.
5. (Previously Presented) Use according to claim 3, in which the ingestion of 2-hydroxyoleic acid, as food additive and/or ingredient dietary product, acceptable food form, functional food additive or food in general, is useful in the prevention and control of obesity.
6. (New) Use according to claims 2, characterized in that the compound of general formula I is preferably 2-hydroxyoleic acid.

7. (New) Use according to claim 6, in which the ingestion of 2-hydroxyoleic acid, as food additive and/or ingredient dietary product, acceptable food form, functional food additive or food in general, is useful in the prevention and control of hypertension.

8. (New) Use according to claim 6, in which the ingestion of 2-hydroxyoleic acid, as food additive and/or ingredient dietary product, acceptable food form, functional food additive or food in general, is useful in the prevention and control of obesity.